**The Roaring Twenties**

Directions: *The Great Gatsby* is set in the '20s (1922, to be exact). This activity is supposed to help you understand the main elements of the 1920s. Read each part and answer the ALL of the questions in complete and grammatically correct sentences. **Right click on the “here” word and click on “Open Hyperlink.”**  GOOD LUCK, OLD SPORT!!

1**. F. Scott Fitzgerald biography:** Click [**here**](http://www.sc.edu/fitzgerald/biography.html) to skim his biography. [Do not read the whole thing!]

* What is his full name?
* What were the 5 dominant influences on F. Scott Fitzgerald's life?
* Who is Zelda?
* Where did he meet Zelda?
* What happened to her?

2. Click [**here**](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/featured_documents/amendment_19/) to learn about **the 19th Amendment.**

* What did the 19th Amendment do?
* Who first initiated this change?
* What changes do you think came about for women?

3. **1922**. Click [**here**](http://www.brainyhistory.com/years/1922.html) to find out more about that year.

* List 3 major happenings in 1922. **Why did you pick these?**

4. **The 18th Amendment** plays a huge role in this novel. Do you know what it did? <http://www.history.com/topics/18th-and-21st-amendments> (click on link)

* What did the 18th Amendment do?
* What was the name given to this time?
* How did the people react to it?
* Which amendment changed it?

5. **World War I** was a major event that was occurring during the early 20th century.  What effect did it have on society?   Click[**here**](http://home.earthlink.net/~gfeldmeth/lec.1920s.html) to find out.

* Describe the disillusionment felt after World War I.
* Describe the “Lost Generation”
* What did prohibition "do" to society during the 1920s?
* List 3 causes of the economic boom.

6. **Flappers and the Changing Role of Women** Have you heard of the term "flapper"? This was a name given to a lot of the women in the '20s. Click [**here**](http://history1900s.about.com/od/1920s/a/flappers.htm) to read about them.

* What is a flapper?
* What type of characteristics did she possess?
* The paragraph speaks of rebellion. Knowing what you know about the '20s, what was she rebelling from? What do you think led to this?

7. **Arnold Rothstein and The Black Sox Scandal:** There was a lot of crime that took place in the '20s. One of the most notorious crime leaders was Arnold Rothstein. Read more about him [**here**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arnold_Rothstein).

* What is he best known for?
* How is he related to The Great Gatsby?

8. **One of the biggest icons of the '20s was the automobile**. Click [here](http://www.huffenglish.com/gatsby/automobiles.html) to read more about it.

* Why was the automobile such a big deal?
* How did the automobile affect women?
* How were cars used to show status? (As in, separate the rich from the poor)